Reply of Government.—Early steps will be taken to enquire into the matter and remedy the defects brought to notice.

SUBJECT No. 169.

Removal of lighting tax levied on temples, *chattrams* and mosques.

Mr. T. M. Siddappa, Mysore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—According to the Municipal Regulation, the water tax is remitted in the case of temples, chattrams and mosques. Electric light tax may also be excused.

Reply of Government.—Not possible.

MISCELLANEOUS.

(*Nos. 170 to 188*).

SUBJECT No. 170.

The Mysore Civil Service.

Mr. P. Venkappaiya, Shimoga municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The successful candidates of the Mysore Civil Service Examination are appointed as Assistant Commissioners to start with, without regard to their experience in public service, capacity and aptitude for work. There are several graduate and double graduate Amildars who are quite as competent to be Assistant Commissioners as any civilian. Most of them are kept in the back ground. The case of these officers is really pitiable. It is therefore prayed that the present rules may be modified so as to give competent and efficient Amildars a greater chance of being appointed Assistant Commissioners.

Reply of Government.—This is being done as far as possible.

SUBJECT No. 171.

Privileges to the Representative Assembly.

(*a*) & (*b*) Mr. S. Venkatesiah, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association.

(*c*) Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The right of interpellation may be kindly re-affirmed.

(*b*) The Deputy Commissioners may be asked to hold quarterly meetings of the Representative Assembly members of their district for discussion of local subjects. Adequate reports of the proceedings of such meetings should be submitted to Government and published with their orders.

(*c*) The privilege of budget discussion should be given to the members of this Assembly.

(*a*) *Mr. Venkatesiah.*—The subject was raised as some doubt was caused owing to an objection to a representation of last year which was interrogative in form.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao.—The Representative Assembly has already a right of interpellation and the existing practice in this respect needs no alteration.

(*b*) *Mr. Venkatesiah.*—If local subjects could be discussed in districts thoroughly, there would be no need for so many local subjects.